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Will Harvard Continue to Lead the Charge? - Part 76



From the [Harvard Crimson](#): *Harvard has now received payments on the majority of funding that it lost since the Trump administration froze its access to federal grants this spring, the University notified faculty this month. Most of Harvard's federal awards were reinstated in the days after a judge struck down in early September the Trump administration's roughly \$2.7 billion freeze on multiyear grant and contract commitments. But the money itself has been slower to flow back to Harvard's coffers. It took more than two weeks before Harvard received \$46 million in Department of Health and Human Services grants. And it was more than a week later when Harvard informed faculty, in an Oct. 1 email from*

Vice Provost for Research John H. Shaw and Chief Financial Officer Ritu Kalra, that the majority of frozen funds had hit Harvard accounts.

...Harvard's research projects receive more than \$600 million per year from the federal government — almost none of which flowed during the months that the funding freeze was in place.

...Earlier this year, after [the Harvard School of Public Health] lost nearly all of its direct grants from the federal government this spring, the school laid off employees, exited leases on two buildings, and made cuts to department budgets. Harvard also paused merit-based wage increases for faculty for the 2025-26 fiscal year and announced a University-wide hiring freeze. Other Harvard schools have not pulled back from austerity measures... Harvard Medical School Dean George Q. Daley '82 warned in a Sept. 18 address that the school would continue to reduce its research spending, and the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences announced major staff layoffs last week.

...HHS opened suspension and debarment proceedings into Harvard in September that could cut off its access to federal grants and contracts if the agency determines it is not a responsible recipient of government funds.

Full story at <https://www.thecrimson.com/article/2025/10/14/majority-federal-funds/>.

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Friday, October 17, 2025

Something Missing? - Part 2



Blog readers will recall our post concerning EVC Hunt's letter in which he somehow omitted reference to the Legislative Assembly's request for the 28-page list of demands for UCLA from the feds.*

As it turned out, a California judge also thinks something is missing:

From the [Bruin](#):

A judge ruled Tuesday that the UC Board of Regents must publicize the Trump administration's proposed settlement demands to UCLA. The UCLA Faculty Association and Council of University of California Faculty

Associations brought a lawsuit Sept. 17 to gain access to the Trump administration's proposal, which was sent to UCLA on Aug. 8. The faculty members filed under the California Public Records Act, which requires that government records must be disclosed if requested, with exceptions for specific privacy or public safety concerns.

The federal government suspended \$584 million of UCLA's federal research grants, citing the university allegedly allowing antisemitism, affirmative action and "men to participate in women's sports." UCLA was the first public university to experience large-scale federal funding cuts. It

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received the steepest monetary demands to regain the funding of any university thus far, with the Trump administration requesting \$1 billion.

Rebekah Evenson, a judge in the Superior Court of Alameda County, ordered that the UC Regents must produce the draft proposal by Oct. 24...

Full story at <https://dailybruin.com/2025/10/14/judge-rules-uc-must-publicize-trump-administration-settlement-demands>.

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*<https://uclafacultyassociation.blogspot.com/2025/10/something-missing.html>.

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Straws in the Wind - Part 133

From the [Brown Daily Herald](#): *Brown's Office of Global Engagement submitted a formal comment to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security on Sept. 29, urging the department to withdraw a proposed rule "that may have significant impacts for international students and scholars, as well as the educational and research mission of the University at large," according to a Friday morning announcement. The proposed rule is titled "Establishing a Fixed Time Period of Admission and an Extension of Stay Procedure for Nonimmigrant Academic Students, Exchange Visitors and Representatives of Foreign Information Media."*



The DHS's proposed rule would set the "authorized admission and extension periods" for F and J visas to the length of the recipient's program, not to exceed 4 years, according to a description of the rule. The rule would also introduce changes to government evaluation of visa extension requests and "a variety of limitations on changes to academic programs and educational objectives..."

The letter specifically points to efforts to establish fixed time limits on visas and more complicated visa extension requirements, stating that it will "significantly increase costs for students, scholars and institutions while creating uncertainty regarding established educational and research pathways." ...

Full story at <https://www.browndailyherald.com/article/2025/10/brown-sends-letter-to-dhs-urging-withdrawal-of-proposed-visa-rule>.

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Subway traffic issues around UCLA this coming weekend



Decking Removal Begins at Westwood/UCLA Station

Summary

Decking removals at the Westwood/UCLA Station will begin Friday, October 17 at 11pm. Work is anticipated to end at 6am on Monday, October 20.

This work will require the closure of westbound Wilshire Bl between Veteran Av and Westwood Bl as well as the reduction of eastbound Wilshire to two lanes between Veteran Ave. and Westwood Bl. Decking removal is anticipated to require up to 12 weekends of work.

Traffic Control

Traffic on westbound Wilshire Bl will be detoured at Westwood Bl to Santa Monica Blvd via portable changeable message boards located at various locations. Traffic will remain open on eastbound Wilshire Bl; however, since eastbound Wilshire Bl will be reduced to two lanes, message boards will be placed to encourage motorists to utilize Santa Monica Blvd via Sepulveda Blvd in case of heavy congestion.

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- Friday, October 17 at 11p.m. until Monday, October 20 at 6 am.

Hauling Hours

- Hauling of the decking panels, deck beams, backfill material, base and asphalt will take place throughout the duration of the closure.

Noteworthy

- All work has received necessary permits and approvals.
- Access for pedestrians will be maintained outside of construction zones.
- Access for emergency responders will be maintained.
- Parking restrictions will be implemented in the immediate area of the work zone.
- Construction is dynamic and schedules are subject to change.
- **24/7 Hotline:** 213-922-6934

Source: <https://cloud.sfmtc.metro.net/DeckingUCLASation>.

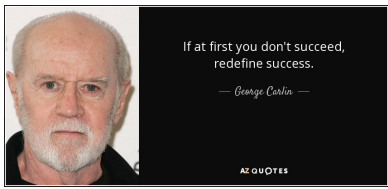
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Thursday, October 16, 2025

If at first...

From [Inside Higher Ed](#): On Sunday, President Trump told his 10 million followers on Truth Social that, "tragically," higher education in this country has lost its way, and he touted his administration's efforts to fix it... Then he laid out the stark choice he believes America's colleges and universities must make. They can "continue to illegally discriminate based on Race or Sex," he wrote. Or, those that prefer to "return to the pursuit of Truth and Achievement" are "invited to enter into a forward looking Agreement with the Federal Government to help bring about the Golden Age of Academic Excellence in Higher Education."



The post came a few days after the Massachusetts Institute of Technology publicly declined to sign on to the administration's 10-page compact, which was sent to nine universities earlier this month and spurred widespread condemnation. Under the agreement, institutions would have to make sweeping changes or risk their federal funding. The other eight universities have until Oct. 20 to send feedback.

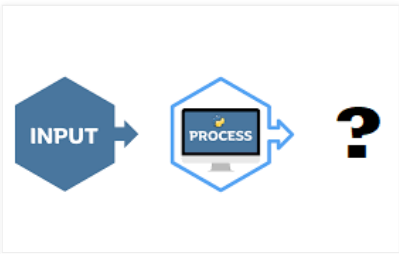
Trump's open invitation to colleges to sign on to the document did not come as a surprise. Several experts predicted such a development, and a White House official told Inside Higher Ed last week that other institutions had already reached out. However, the timing of Trump's post raised some eyebrows. "The administration is reading the writing on the wall that they wouldn't be able to run the table on the nine and that there would be substantial pushback," said Ted Mitchell, president of the American Council on Education. "And they didn't want to own that, so they looked for more buyers." ...

Full story at <https://www.insidehighered.com/news/government/2025/10/15/trump-opens-compact-all-higher-ed-now-what>.

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Input



From the [Brown Daily Herald](#): President Christina Paxson P'19 P'MD'20 sought input from the broader Brown community about the Trump administration's "Compact for Excellence in Higher Education" [last] Friday. She first acknowledged the compact at Tuesday's faculty meeting, where faculty members and invited administrators discussed the memo in a private session. If signed, the compact would require Brown to freeze tuition for five years,

limit grade inflation and cap international undergraduate enrollment at 15% in exchange for "substantial and meaningful federal grants" and other benefits, according to the Wall Street Journal. The University has been asked to provide feedback on the compact by Oct. 20, she wrote in an early morning Today@Brown message. "We need to decide, as a community, how or whether to respond to the invitation to provide comments," Paxson added.

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This marks the first time Paxson has spoken publicly about the compact, while other institutions that received the memo, such as Penn and Dartmouth, released statements earlier this month...

Full story at <https://www.browndailyherald.com/article/2025/10/paxson-says-brown-will-review-white-house-compact-seeks-community-input>.

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Straws in the Wind - Part 132

From the [Indianapolis Star](#): *In early September, President Donald Trump's administration abruptly canceled a \$35 million Purdue University grant aimed at preparing low-income Indiana students for college, as part of its broader push against diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts. The U.S. Education Department's reasoning for canceling the seven-year grant that was approved just a year ago stated that the grant conflicted with federal civil rights law and the department's police of "prioritizing merit, fairness, and excellence in education..." The \$34.9 million grant was to support Indiana GEAR UP, which stands for Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs. It helped middle and high school students with transitioning to higher education.*



Indiana GEAR UP officially halted services on Sept. 30, the program announced in a Facebook post... The federal program has existed since 1998 and Indiana's program has received funding since 2016, enabling it to serve over 13,000 students from 10 different school corporations and over 3,000 educators across the state, according to Purdue University's news release of the new grant funding in Sept. 2024. A Sept. 12 termination letter said Purdue's grant included DEI training, culturally responsive teaching, and social emotional learning in STEM...

Full story at <https://www.chronicle.com/article/tracking-higher-eds-dismantling-of-dei>.

From [Inside Higher Ed](#): *Nobel Prize-winning economists Abhijit Banerjee and Esther Duflo—a married team—will leave their positions at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for the University of Zurich in the next academic year, The Bulwark reported. The pair, who won the Nobel in 2019, have not publicly shared why they are leaving MIT at this time, but a source told The Bulwark that they are moving due to the Trump administration's attacks on academic freedom and university research.*

Reached for comment, Duflo told The Bulwark, "At this moment we are not commenting, especially given that MIT (where we remain affiliated) is already dealing to reaction to its refusal of the 'compact.'" MIT on Friday rejected the compact put forth by the Trump administration that offers universities preferential treatment on federal funding in exchange for campus policy changes...

Full story at <https://www.insidehighered.com/news/quick-takes/2025/10/15/2-nobel-prize-winning-economists-leave-us-zurich>.

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